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Dear Rod:

I am avidly looking for a biophysicist to help in the conception, design, assembly and evaluation of instrumental experiments in exobiology. There are and should continue to be ample funds from NASA and NSF, but time is very pressing.

It may help illustrate the needs of the job that, at the instant, we want to try to build a fast-scanning UV microspectrophotometer, for which, plainly, some fancy optics and electronics are needed. But this is only, perhaps, the most complex instrument and there are several other approaches to be followed up, in some cases as accessories to this, when it is put on track. The work would be under my own immediate direction, but the challenge is an immense one and needs far more energy, time, skills and knowledge than any one person could apply.

Can you think of anyone who would be the paragon I am looking for? The situation would be a research associateship at (literally!) a salary level commensurate with experience and qualifications; there might be or soon develop an opportunity for a more academic status in the Biophysics program here too? Would you be interested yourself?

If you have any thoughts on this, please call me at your early convenience (DA-1-1200, Ext. 5049).

With best regards,

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